

RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

"SAVING\$ THROUGH SAFETY"



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To: County Commissioners and Solid Waste Supervisors
From: Emelia McEwen, Senior Loss Control Specialist
CC: Greg Jackson, Marketing Director and Harold Blattie, Executive Director
Date: 4/4/2007
Re: Waste Collection/Container Sites

On March 20, 2007, I sent out recommendations for waste collection/container sites. Because of feedback concerning the recommendations, we are asking the counties to disregard the earlier recommendations:

- ❑ **Excavating the area in front of the wall to a level of at least 42" below the top of the wall.**
- ❑ **Placing 5' fencing between the sloping areas, the sides of the dumpster.**

However, MACo Risk Management still recommends the counties **post warning signs and paint the dump off edge yellow. (See Attachment I. Warning Signs)** In addition, we encourage the counties to make the container sites as safe as possible.

To address concerns and help members meet the new building code requirements, MACo Risk Management has formed a committee. The committee will consist of solid waste managers, engineers, legal counsel and MACo risk management. In order to assist the counties in providing the safest collection site possible the committee needs the following:

- ❑ **Pictures (front, sides, and back) of each container site**
- ❑ **Location of each container site**
- ❑ **Name of contact person (who has decision making)**
- ❑ **Site Plans if available**

The committee will review the information submitted and make recommendations that gives counties a choice of options. MACo Risk Management will work with your county to develop and implement a plan *with a target completion date.*

If County personnel have other suggestions addressing the problem, please contact Emelia McEwen or Fred Hansen at 444-4370 or by writing to the above address.

MACo Risk Management appreciates the opportunity to work with your county to create a safer environment for both your employees and the public.

ATTACHMENT I. WARNING SIGNS

FALLING HAZARD

CAUTION

WARNING
FALLING HAZARD

